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1. JAPAN

ITC RULES US STEEL COMPANIES BEING DAMAGED BY JAPANESE
CARBON STEEL PLATE IMPORTS. IMPOSITION NEW TARIFFS
EXPECTED (AP, NYT; WP; WSJ; LAWRENCE, JOC).

CHRMN PRES' COUNCIL ECON ADVISORS SCHULTZE HAD HR-LONG
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MTG W/JAPANESE FINMIN MURAYAMA IN TOKYO 4/14. FINANCE
MINISTRY SOURCES QUOTED SCHULTZE AS SAYING THAT US READY
TAKE ADDITIONAL STEPS IF CARTER'S ANTI-INFLATION PKG
INSUFFICIENT (REUTER TOKYO).

AT 4/13 MTG W/JAPAN ECON PLANNING AGENCY DIRECTOR MIYAZAWA,
SCHULTZE SAID US RECOGNIZED NEED FOR REGAINING DOL CON-
FIDENCE/EXPECTED US OIL IMPORTS WOULD NOT INCREASE THIS YR
FROM LAST YR'S LEVEL.

ARRIVING COPENHAGEN THURS FOR 2-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT/TALKS
W/DANES ON JAPAN'S RELS W/EC, USHIBA TOLD BY FONMIN
ANDERSON REDUCTION JAPAN'S BOP SURPLUS PROCEEDING TOO SLOW,
BUT THAT EC PLANS NO PROTECTIONIST MOVES AGAINST JAPANESE

GOODS. SIMILAR REMARKS MADE TO USHIBA DURING WEDS VISIT
W/NETHERLANDS PM (UPI, JOC COPENHAGEN).

JAPAN'S CRUDE STEEL OUTPUT IN FY'77 FELL ABOUT 20 MIL
METRIC TONS FROM FY'76 (WSJ; REUTER TOKYO, 4/13).

MITSUBISHI WILL INTRODUCE 1ST COMPUTER SYSTEMS INTO US
MKT AT MONTH'S END (WSJ).

JAPANESE RAIL SERVICES CRIPPLED AS TRAIN DRIVERS BEGAN
24-HR STRIKE 4/14 FOR BETTER PAY/WORKING CONDITIONS.
ABOUT 80 PCT OF JAPAN'S SCHEDULED 1500 TRAINS IDLE
(REUTER, CSM).

UNDER INTL ENERGY AGENCY AUSPICES, JAPAN HAS AGREED
PARTICIPATE IN 2 MAJOR INTL PROJECTS FOR DEVELOPING
ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES (JOC TOKYO).

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US MIL OFFICIALS IN JAPAN HAVE ASKED DOD ALLOW 37,000
WIVES/CHILDREN OF US SERVICEMEN EAT FREE AT MESS HALLS
ON MIL BASES IN ORDER EASE COST OF LIVING CRUNCH CAUSED
BY DOL'S DECLINE (UPI, WP).

2. JAPAN/CHINA

JAPAN HAS SENT MORE BOATS TO PATROL DISPUTED ISLANDS IN
E CHINA SEA FOLLOWING CONTINUED VIOLATIONS OF JAPANESE-
CLAIMED TERRITORIAL WATERS BY PRC FISHING BOATS. SOME
CHINESE BOATS ARMED/ALL HAVE REFUSED LEAVE DISPUTED AREA.
AT REGULAR CABINET MTG FRIDAY, FUKUDA CALLED ON MINISTERS
TO REMAIN COOL. FONMIN SONODA SAID IMPENDING JAPAN-PRC
TREATY NEGOTS SHOULD BE KEPT SEPARATE FROM TERRITORIAL
DISPUTE, BUT ADDED TREATY TALKS COULD NOT BE RESUMED UNTIL
MATTER SETTLED. PRO-TAIWAN GROUP W/IN LDP HAS CALLED ON
PM TAKE STIFF ACTION AGAINST CHINESE (REUTER TOKYO; MARTIN,
SUN TOKYO).

PRC HAS REJECTED JAPANESE PROTEST AGAINST PRESENCE CHINESE
FISHING VESSLES OFF SENKAKU ISLS. VERBAL PROTEST
ISSUED IN PEKING BY JAPANESE EMB MIN DONOWAKI. JAPANESE
SOURCES SAID CHINESE REPLIED ISLS BELONG TO PRC, AS HAD
BEEN MADE CLEAR IN DECLARATION PEKING ISSUED 12/30/71
(REUTER'S MACKENZIE, PEKING).

3. CHINA

SOMALI PRES BARRE ARRIVED PEKING FRIDAY/GREETED BY HUA.
IN ARTICLE WELCOMING HIM, "PD" PRAISED BARRE FOR
ABROGATING SOMALI-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP-COOPERATION TREATY/
EXPPELLING RUSSIAN MIL EXPERTS LAST YR (REUTER PEKING).
POL ANALYSTS SEE VISIT AS EFFORT SEEK PRC AID, BUT
OBSERVERS BELIEVE CHINA HAS NEITHER ECON MUSCLE NOR WAR
MATERIAL TO PROVIDE BARRE W/AID HE NEEDS TO OVERCOME
CHALLENGE TO HIS POWER.
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AMB WOODCOCK MARRIES USLO NURSE SHARON TUOHY IN 5-MINUTE
PVT CEREMONY IN CHAO YANG CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICE OF PEKING.
REUTER'S MACKENZIE REPORTS CHINESE APPEARED PLEASED
MARRIAGE HELD IN PRC, WHILE WOODCOCK SAID, "SHARON AND I
WOULD BE HAPPY IF THIS WAS ANOTHER SMALL STEP TOWARDS
NORMALIZATION."

4. KOREA

REFUTING ETHICS CMTE TESTIMONY OF FORMER FOOD FOR PEACE
COORDINATOR HEDGES, SK EMB SAYS PARK CHUNG HEE GOT
NONE OF TONGSUN PARK'S RICE MONEY. SPOKESMAN TERMED
HEDGES' STATEMENT "TOTALLY INACCURATE" (AP, WP).

CHRMN SK'S NATL ASSEMBLY FON AFFAIRS CMTE SAID THURS
ALLEGED US BUGGING KOREAN BLUE HOUSE WAS "GRAVE IN-
FRINGEMENT" ON SK'S SOVEREIGNTY/CALLED FOR WRITTEN
CLARIFICATION FROM US. CHRMN CHOI YONG-HI STATED AMB
SNEIDER OFFERED HIM OFFICIAL DENIAL VERBALLY, BUT SAID
ROKG WANTS MORE SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION (REUTER SEOUL,
4/13).

PRES PARK OFFICIALLY OPENED SEOUL SEJONG CULTURAL CENTER--
46-MIL-DOL COMPLEX OF THEATRES/CONF HALLS DESCRIBED AS
LARGEST OF ITS KIND IN ORIENT (REUTER SEOUL).

5. PHILIPPINES

AMEMB SOURCES SAY MONDALE WILL VISIT MANILA BETWN MAY
2-10 FOLLOWING EARLIER POSTPONEMENT OF ASIA/PACIFIC
TOUR (BICKLER, REUTER MANILA).

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MANILA POLICE ON ALERT FRIDAY TO PREVENT DISTURBANCES
FROM POSSIBLE DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST ALLEGED IRREGULARI-
TIES IN PHILS' ELECTION LAST WK. AUTHORITIES EXPECT
NOISY PROTESTS--SIMILAR TO ONE STAGED ELECTION EVE--WILL
OCCUR IN MANILA THIS WKEND.

MEANWHILE, ELECTION COMMISSION CHRMN PEREZ HAS CHARGED THAT HE/SEVERAL OTHER COMMISSIONERS HAVE RECEIVED ANONYMOUS DEATH THREATS (REUTER MANILA).

6. VIETNAM/CAMBODIA

REPORTS ON VN/CAMBODIA BORDER FIGHTING CONTINUE. POL POT CHARGED THURS VIETS HAD LAUNCHED "LARGE-SCALE OFFENSIVES" INTO CAMBODIA DURING PAST WK, BUT WERE REPULSED. PREMIER ALSO ACCUSED HANOI OF COOPERATING W/"CIA FORCES" IN COUP ATTEMPT. HANOI RADIO DENIED INVASION CHARGES/CALLED CAMBODIAN RADIO "DIRTY INSTRUMENT" FOR MAKING ACCUSATIONS. BANGKOK INTELL SOURCES HAVE FOUND NO CHANGE IN DEPLOYMENT VIET TROOPS ALONG BORDER, DESPITE CAMBODIAN CLAIMS HANOI PLANNING MAJOR INVASION LATER THIS YR (OBERDORFER, WP; MCARTHUR, LAT BANGKOK 4/13; MORITZ, CSM HK; AP, NYT).

7. INDONESIA

NYT'S KAMM (SOROAKO) DOES ITEM ON INTL NICKEL'S 850-MIL-DOL INDONESIAN PROJECT, WHICH SLOWLY COMING INTO PRODUCTION DESPITE SERIOUS PRICE SLUMP IN NICKEL INDUSTRY. INTL NICKEL PRES SAYS PLANT'S START-UP SCHEUDLE HAS BEEN STRETCHED OUT AS RESULT OF GENERAL PRODUCTION CUTBACK.

8. SINGAPORE

REUTER'S DANIEL (SINGAPORE) REPORTS GOS TAKING STEPS TO TURN PREDOMINANTLY CHINESE POPULATION INTO ENGLISH-UNCLASSIFIED

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EDUCATED SOCIETY IN ORDER ENSURE ITS ECON GROWTH AMID DIVERSE POL/CULTURAL INTERESTS IN SEASIA. PM LEE HAS STATED ENGLISH WILL BE LANGUAGE OF FUTURE IN MODERN SINGAPORE/MUST BE MEDIUM OF BUSINESS/OFFICIALDOM. AMONG MOVES, GOS HAS DECIDED ITS ONLY CHINESE UNIV--NANTAH--SHOULD USE ENGLISH BY '80S.

9. AUSTRALIA

SPEAKING BEFORE AMERICAN CLUB IN SYDNEY FRIDAY, FRASER BITTERLY DENOUNCED EC AS NARROW, SELF-INTERESTED TRADING GROUP SEEKING PRESSURE WORLD INTO ABIDING BY ITS WISHES. PM'S PINNED ATTACK ON EC'S POSTPONEMENT OF TALKS W/ AUSTRALIA PLANNED FOR NEXT MONTH. FRASER SAID IT WAS "INCOMPREHENSIBLE" THAT AFTER 8 MONTHS, EC STILL UNPREPARED FOR BILAT TALKS (REUTER SYDNEY).

OVERSEAS TRADE MIN/DEP PM ANTHONY TOLD PARLIAMENT THURS WORLD SUGAR PRICE COULD DROP TO 6 CENTS (US)/LB IF

PRODUCTION CONTROLS NOT IMPOSED (UPI, JOC).

JOC'S STOVE (SYDNEY) REPORTS GOA UNDER STRONG PRESSURE TO CHANGE ITS ECON STRATEGY/MOVE AWAY FROM EMPHASIS ON FIGHTING INFLATION. OPPOSITION LABOR PARTY/BANKS/NEWS MEDIA URGING GOA CONSIDER OVERALL ECONOMY/DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS INFLATION-CENTERED POLICY PRODUCING.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

10. KOREA

SUN EDIT URGES HOUSE "INSIST" KIM DONG JO APPEAR BEFORE ETHICS CMTE. ALSO STATES THAT IN NEXT PHASE OF HEARINGS, UNCLASSIFIED

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CMTE MUST DEMAND ANSWERS OF SPKR O'NEILL/OTHERS RE SOLICITATION OF FAVORS. SAYS THIS MUST BE DONE IF HOUSE PROBE TO HAVE ANY CREDIBILITY.

11. CHINA

MIDDLETON (NYT) PROBES QUESTION OF WHICH WESTERN POWERS PEKING WILL TURN TO FOR ARMS PURCHASES REQUIRED MODERNIZE THEIR ARMED FORCES. FINDS W/PURCHASES IN US RULED OUT, UK/FRG/France BEING CONSIDERED. WESTERN ANALYSTS SAY 4 CRITERIA WILL GOVERN PRC IN APPROACH TO ARMS PURCHASES: PEKING WILL NOT 1) PAY EXCESSIVE PRICES; 2) BUY OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT; 3) ALLOW WESTERN ADVISERS IN CHINA; 4) ACCEPT ANYTHING LESS THAN PROGRAM WHICH WILL PUT THEM ON EQUAL FOOTING W/SOVIETS.

12. INDONESIA

NEWMAN (WSJ) BELIEVES INDONESIA'S CALM/CONSERVATISM/RECEPTIVITY TO CAPITALISM MAY BE UNDER SERIOUS THREAT AS RESULT RECENT STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST SUHARTO. REVIEWS PROTESTS, WHICH BEGAN IN JANUARY, AND WHICH EVENTUALLY RESULTED IN SUHARTO CLOSING NEWSPAPERS/JAILING SEVERAL HUNDRED STUDENTS UNDER ANTI-SUBVERSION LAW. HOWEVER, REMARKS EVEN SUHARTO'S OPPONENTS CONCEDE THAT INDONESIA OFFERS GREAT LUXURY NOT READILY FOUND IN MANY OTHER PARTS OF WORLD TODAY--TAKING RIDE THRU COUNTRYSIDE W/O BEING SHOT AT.

13. ANP

FROM SUVA, CSM'S STEELE CITES RECENT HARD BARGAINING OVER FISHING RIGHTS IN S PAC. NOTES GUIDELINES PROPOSED HAVE BEEN FOR ESTABLISHING S PAC FISHERIES ORG, BUT FORMAL AGREEMENT COMPLICATED BY HEAVY LOBBYING FROM US TUNA INDUSTRY. OPINES US INVOLVEMENT VITAL IF

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PROPOSED ORG TO HAVE SURVEILLANCE CAPABILITY OVER
FISHING REGIONS/BARGAINING POWER IN FUTURE RESOURCE
DEALINGS IN AREA. CHRISTOPHER

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